



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Blessed Easter greetings!

Like you, I spent the holy season of Lent preparing my heart for the Risen Lord. This time of reflection, prayer and sacrifice always serves to strengthen my faith and increase my joy at discovering the empty tomb.

As we celebrate this Easter season, we have much to be thankful for in the Diocese of Austin. *Encountering Christ* is now more than halfway complete, with many parishes already experiencing the benefits of our capital campaign. Once again, the generosity of the faithful of our diocese has bolstered ministries and improved facilities to better serve the spiritual needs of parishioners. Please pray for the parishes yet to embark on *Encountering Christ* as we progress toward our \$85 million goal.

You and your loved ones will share a special remembrance in my Easter Masses.

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin